GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SECURITY COVER TO LEADERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the leaders of separatist groups in Jammu and Kashmir are provided full security cover by the Government;

(b) if so, whether certain separatist groups are opposing the deployment of Indian Army in Kashmir;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total number of leaders of such separatist groups provided security;

(e) the total amount incurred on their security;

(f) whether Government is contemplating to withdraw security cover from such separatist leaders; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): Some of the leaders of separatist groups are provided security cover by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) & (c): All the separatist groups, including the leaders of Separatist Groups who have been provided security cover by the State Police, are opposing the deployment of Indian Army in Kashmir.

(d): As per information available, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir have provided security to Molvi Mohammad Umar Farooq, Molvi Abbas Ansari, Prof. Ab. Gani Bhat, Shri Bilal Lone, Shri Saleem Geelani - all leaders of All Party Hurriyat Conference (A) and Shri Sajjad Gani Lone of Peoples Conference.

(e): The expenditure on this account is incurred by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(f): Security to these leaders is provided by the State Government and it is for the State Government to review it.

(g): Does not arise in view of (f) above.